

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Delete the paragraph at page 1, before the title:

~~DESCRIPTION~~

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3:

~~Technical Field of the Invention~~

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7:

~~Background Art of the Invention~~

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~

~~Problems to be Solved by the Invention~~

Insert the following paragraph at page 3, line 23:

Summary of the Invention

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1:

~~Means for Solving the Problems~~

Paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25:

Detailed Description of Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

Paragraph beginning at page 18, line 13:

The network according to the third embodiment has a structure similar to that of the network in Fig. 1. According to the second embodiment, the time period "d1" from the timing when the network device 2a starts to output the measurement result to the time when the network device 2a starts the subsequent measurement and the time period "d2" from the timing when the network device 2a starts to output the measurement result to the time when the network device 2a terminates the measurement are constant. In contrast, the third embodiment is applicable also to a case where the information d1 and the information d2 concerning the measurement timing of the network device 2a are ~~inconstant~~ not constant.